



# NATIONAL FORESTS IN ALABAMA

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### Outreach Announcement

**Fire Equipment Operator WG-5716-10 (Conecuh)**

Vacancy Announcement # 23-FIRE-P4GVA-EQOPTR-10DH

**Fire Equipment Operator WG-5716-10 (Oakmulgee)**

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**Fire Engine Operator (FEO) GS-0462-07 (Oakmulgee)**

Vacancy Announcement 23-FIRE-P4GVA-FEOH-67DH

**Supervisory Fire Engine Operator (SFEO) GS-0462-08 (Oakmulgee)**

Vacancy Announcement 23-FIRE-P4GVA-SFEOH-78DH

**USDA Forest Service, Southern Region**

**National Forests in Alabama**

**Conecuh Ranger District**

**Oakmulgee Ranger District**

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The National Forests in Alabama is looking to fill 2 WG-5716-10 Fire Equipment Operators, 1 Fire Engine Operator (FEO) GS-0462-07 and 1 Supervisory Fire Engine Operator GS-0462-08. 3 positions are on the Oakmulgee Ranger District and the other position is on the Conecuh Ranger District. The incumbents serve as members of the fire organization and is responsible for a variety of duties associated with fire management. The position will be located at the Conecuh Ranger District, Work Center in Andalusia, Alabama, while the Oakmulgee positions will be located in Brent, Alabama.

#### **THE POSITION AND QUALIFICATIONS:**

Both of these districts have an active and growing prescribed fire program currently treating approximately 30,000 to 35,000 acres annually.

These positions are permanent/full time. All of the positions are standard wildland fire management position description intended for use in the USDA Forest Service. These positions are located on a Ranger District and meets the definition of a Forest Service Fire Management Program (FS-FPM) position as designated by WO Fire Management. The incumbents serve in a key fire management position in a field fire management organization as a Dozer Operator or Fire engine Operator. The FS-FPM minimum qualification standards (MQS) for these positions must be met prior to entrance into the position as a condition of hire. Refer to the Forest Service FS-FPM Standard Position Description Crosswalk for a full description of the MQS. The positions will be filled under standard PDs for WG-5716-10 (FS2026), GS-0462-07(FS6079 or 1472), GS0462-08 (FS1470 or 1471).

The WG positions are moderate tested positions subject to medical screening. These positions are subject to random drug testing. The position is covered by the National Federation of Federal Employees (NFFE) Bargaining Unit. The GS positions are arduous tested positions.

**DUTIES:**

Equipment Operator major duties include preparing fireline, suppression of wildfires, preparing burn units for fire, training new operators, service and maintenance of equipment.

The Engine positions directs or assists with the fire suppression efforts of a wildland fire engine module. Assures that needed tools and equipment are available for firefighting tasks. Gather and considers information on weather data, topography, fuel types, and fire behavior in responding to wildland fire incidents. Makes initial evaluation of fire situations and potential hazards to property to determine suppression methods to use. Directs or assists with leading the operation of a wildland fire crew. Responsible for formal and informal training programs to comply with policy and regulations. May assist in the preparation of hazardous fuels treatment plans and burn plans based on the predicted fire behavior and risk assessment.

Also these position will perform a variety of fire and natural resource management tasks such as fire line construction with a Type III dozer(as qualified), operation of a Type VI and Type VII wildland engines, fuels mitigation with hand and power tools and holding/patrol/mop-up operations. This work will be performed on flat to rolling terrain in daytime and nighttime conditions. Working independently or with others, the incumbent may be assigned to carry out specialized work such as flagging and rehabilitation of dozer line, scouting fires, felling trees and burning out. The incumbent will be responsible for transport of heavy equipment.

Prior wildland firefighting experience on the fire-line and experience with southern fuel types and conditions is highly recommended. The incumbent will support other resource areas (timber, wildlife, silviculture, recreation, roads, etc.) as needed and assigned.

**WORK CAPACITY TEST (WCT) for Wildland Firefighters:** This position participates in wildland firefighting activities. Based on the type of work performed, TAKING and PASSING the WCT at the needed level is a "condition of employment." The Arduous fitness (Pack) test consists of a three (3) mile hike, within forty-five (45) minutes, while carrying a forty-five (45) pound pack. The moderate test is 25lb pack, 2 miles in 30 minutes. You are strongly encouraged to consult with your physician and begin training immediately if you are applying for this position.

**TYPE OF APPOINTMENT:** Permanent/Full Time 26/0

**DUTY STATION:**

Duty Station is the Conecuh Ranger District Work Center or Oakmulgee Work Center

**THE FOREST:**

The Conecuh National Forest covers 84,000 acres in the coastal plain of South Alabama. We are located in “the heart of longleaf country” as part of a large landscape of partner properties with more than a million acres dedicated to restoration of longleaf pine associated ecosystems. Longleaf pine ecosystem restoration is the mission that drives our management activities. These activities include prescribe burning 30,000 acres annually, harvesting 12,000 ccf of timber per year to restore longleaf pine to appropriate sites, recovery of endangered red-cockaded woodpeckers, reintroduction of the threatened indigo snake, and providing a variety of developed and dispersed recreation opportunities. Hunting of deer, turkey, and quail are especially popular recreational activities. Natural sinkhole ponds, pitcher plant bogs, and other wetlands are signature natural communities on the Conecuh that support the highest diversity of reptiles and amphibians of any U.S. national forest.

The Oakmulgee Ranger District is one of six districts in the National Forests in Alabama and encompasses approximately 157,000 acres in six west-central Alabama counties. District staff includes 18-20 employees working as an integrated mission-driven team with strong traditions of innovation, partnerships, and accomplishment.

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The Conecuh District is active in supporting conservation education programs and ecological research. Our list of partners is growing, and includes Auburn University’s Solon Dixon Forestry Education Center, the Covington County Forestry Planning Committee, The Longleaf Alliance, The Nature Conservancy, and the Gulf Coastal Plain Ecosystem Partnership (GCPEP).

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### **THE COMMUNITY:**

This position is located in Andalusia, Alabama. Andalusia has a small town atmosphere with a generous complement of Southern hospitality and old-fashioned values of welcoming neighbors and strangers alike. Most goods and services are readily available. Population is around 10,000. Andalusia is located in South Alabama about 20 miles north of the Florida state line, 1 1/2 hours from the Forest Supervisor’s office in Montgomery, and less than 1 1/2 hours from Gulf Coast beaches. Timber and agriculture are mainstays of the area. Manufacturing includes a Shaw Carpet mill.

The school system in Andalusia and surrounding Covington County is considered one of the best in the state. The community has full service hospital/health care services as well as abundant churches of most denominations. Recreation resources include developed camping on the National Forest and at State Parks, reservoirs and ponds for boating and fishing, and lengthy hunting seasons with liberal bag limits.

There is no government housing available.

Brent, Alabama is located adjacent to the City of Centreville and is often referred to as the Centreville/Brent area. Nearby cities include West Blocton, Tuscaloosa, Marion, Greensboro, Selma, and Clanton. The cities of Birmingham and Montgomery are both an hour drive away from the District Office.

**CONTACT:**

For more information on this opportunity, contact Kevin Mock, Conecuh District Fire Management Officer, at 334-222-2555 (ext. 115), or [joseph.k.mock@usda.gov](mailto:joseph.k.mock@usda.gov) or Trevor Callaghan, at 256-362-2909 or [trevor.callaghan@usda.gov](mailto:trevor.callaghan@usda.gov)

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## PERSONAL INFORMATION

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EMAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

MAILING ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

CURRENT SERIES AND GRADE: \_\_\_\_\_

ARE YOU CURRENTLY A FEDERAL EMPLOYEE? YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

IF YES, CURRENT AGENCY AND LOCATION: \_\_\_\_\_

TYPE OF APPOINTMENT: PERMANENT \_\_\_\_\_ TEMPORARY \_\_\_\_\_ TERM \_\_\_\_\_  
VRA \_\_\_\_\_ PWD \_\_\_\_\_ OTHER \_\_\_\_\_

POSITION INTERETED IN APPLYING FOR \_\_\_\_\_

Thank you for your interest!

Please return your completed form as soon as possible, via e-mail to Kevin Mock at:  
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